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Free PACT conference aims to educate public, volunteers and advocates

Public Awareness - Corrections Today (PACT) is a free public information conference presented by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and coordinated by the TDCJ Ombudsman Program. Created to enhance communication with outside stakeholders, this year's conference will bring together agency staff with offenders' family members, the general public, community leaders, jail and prison ministries, as well as criminal justice volunteers and advocates.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 5, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the PACT Confer-

ence will be held at the Sam Houston State University's George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center in Huntsville. The agenda includes



a general session welcoming attendees, followed by breakout sessions focusing on topics such as incarceration, rehabilitation, health care, parole and probation.

TDCJ staff will be available to provide both written information and to engage in face-to-face discussions about programs and services provided by the agency. There will also be an exhibit dedicated to the Giving Offenders' Kids Incentive and Direction to Succeed (GO KIDS) initiative, a program designed to identify and coordinate community resources to help the children of offenders who are under criminal justice supervision in Texas. ●